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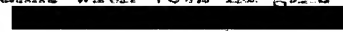
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1. The following troops and material were observed on a train assembled at the railroad station of BERNAU (N 53/Z 98) on 29 July 1949: *


About 150 troops on five boxcars
Tanks on eight flat cars
Self-propelled guns on three flat cars
A tracked vehicle on a railroad car

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2. Tanks from the kaserne on Schoenwalderstrasse were loaded at the BERNAU railroad station on 30 July 1949. A freight train of 25 flat cars was ready for loading, and another train already had been loaded with armored vehicles. Five JS-122 and twelve P-34 tanks with 76.2-mm guns were observed on the latter train. Trucks  were parked at the railroad station. About 20 tanks observed in the kaserne area on Schoenwalderstrasse allegedly were also to be loaded.

*  Comment: A railroad official stated that several trains had been loaded recently with Soviet troops and material.

25X1A  Comment: Artillery units were the first component units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) to leave the military post in early June 1949. This report indicates that other units of this division were still leaving in late July 1949. It can be assumed that the entrained tank units also went to the TEMPLIN training area, where the bulk of the 8th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) has been located since early July 1949.

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